THE GAMER

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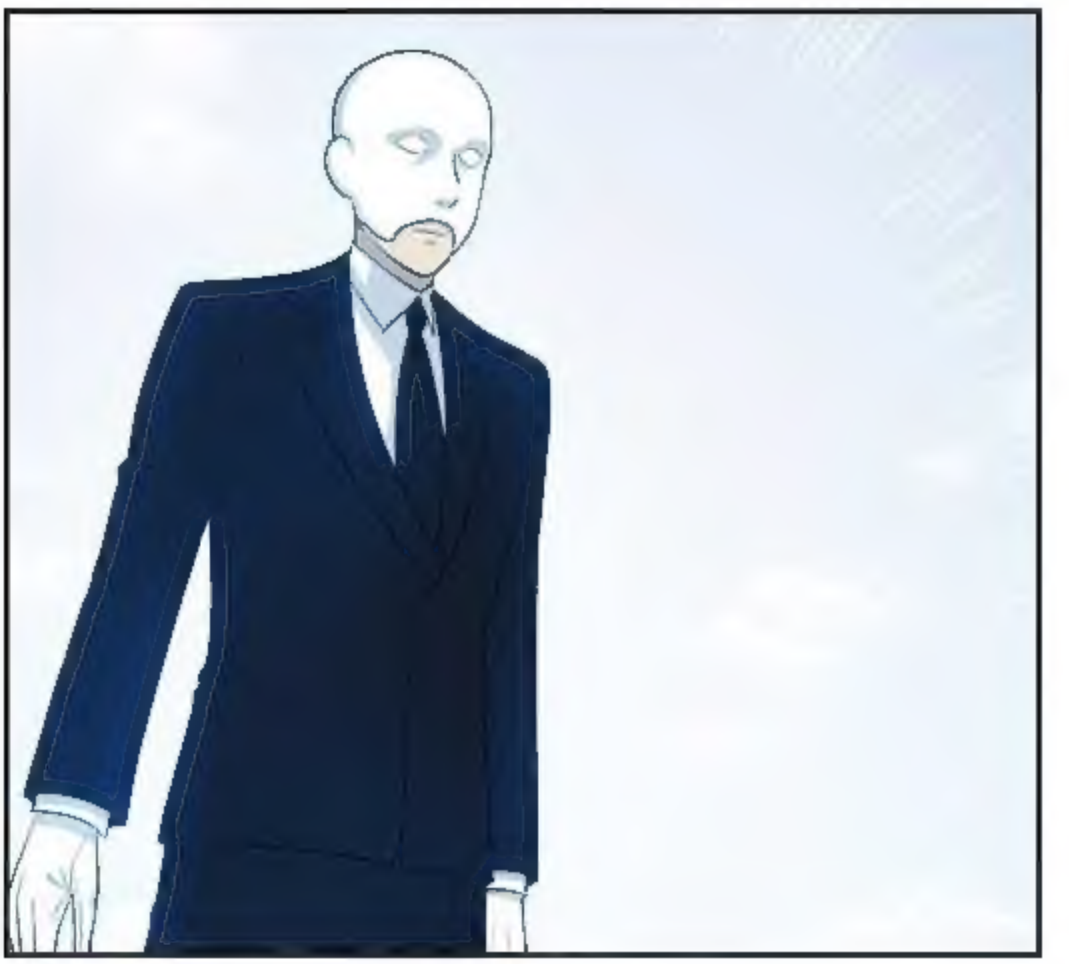


SO WHAT KIND OF GOD ARE YOU?

I WILL REPEAT THE QUESTION THAT I ASKED BEFORE.

ARE THOSE WHO TRY HARD ALWAYS REWARDED?
ARE WE ALWAYS REPAID FOR OUR SACRIFICES?

THE ANSWER IS 'NO.'
ISN'T THAT SO, SEONGON HWAN?

SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
SURE, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE WORLD DOESN'T ALWAYS REWARD YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

IT IS IRRATIONAL.
THE WORLD IS FULL OF
IRRATIONALITY.

THE REASON THE WORLD IS MAINTAINED, DEVELOPED, AND EVEN IMPROVES LITTLE BY LITTLE IN SPITE OF THIS
IS BECAUSE OF THE WILL OF GOOD PEOPLE LIVING IN THE WORLD.

HOWEVER. HOW MUCH LONGER DO THEY HAVE TO BE SACRIFICED?
WHY ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT?

YOU WILL FIND OUT.
AND YOU AS WELL.

FIND OUT WHAT?
YOU'LL BE MURDERED BY THE DAN UI GUILD BEFORE THEN.
GODS CAN ALSO DIE.
BUT NOT EVEN THE DAN UI GUILD CAN KILL ME NOW.

IS THERE
A REASON?

BECAUSE
EVERYONE
WANTS ME.

GLANCE

I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT. DO THEY UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS?
ARC COMPANY, THE GOD OF REVOLUTION, REWARD, AND PLEASURE.
THAT IS BOTH MY NAME AND MY DIVINITY.

AS LONG AS THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT THE WORLD AROUND THEM TO CHANGE,
WHO WANT TO RECEIVE JUST COMPENSATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS,
WHO WANT TO FIND PLEASURE LIKE AN OASIS IN THE EXHAUSTING AND BRUTAL DESERT OF THEIR LIVES,
I CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED!
SLASH

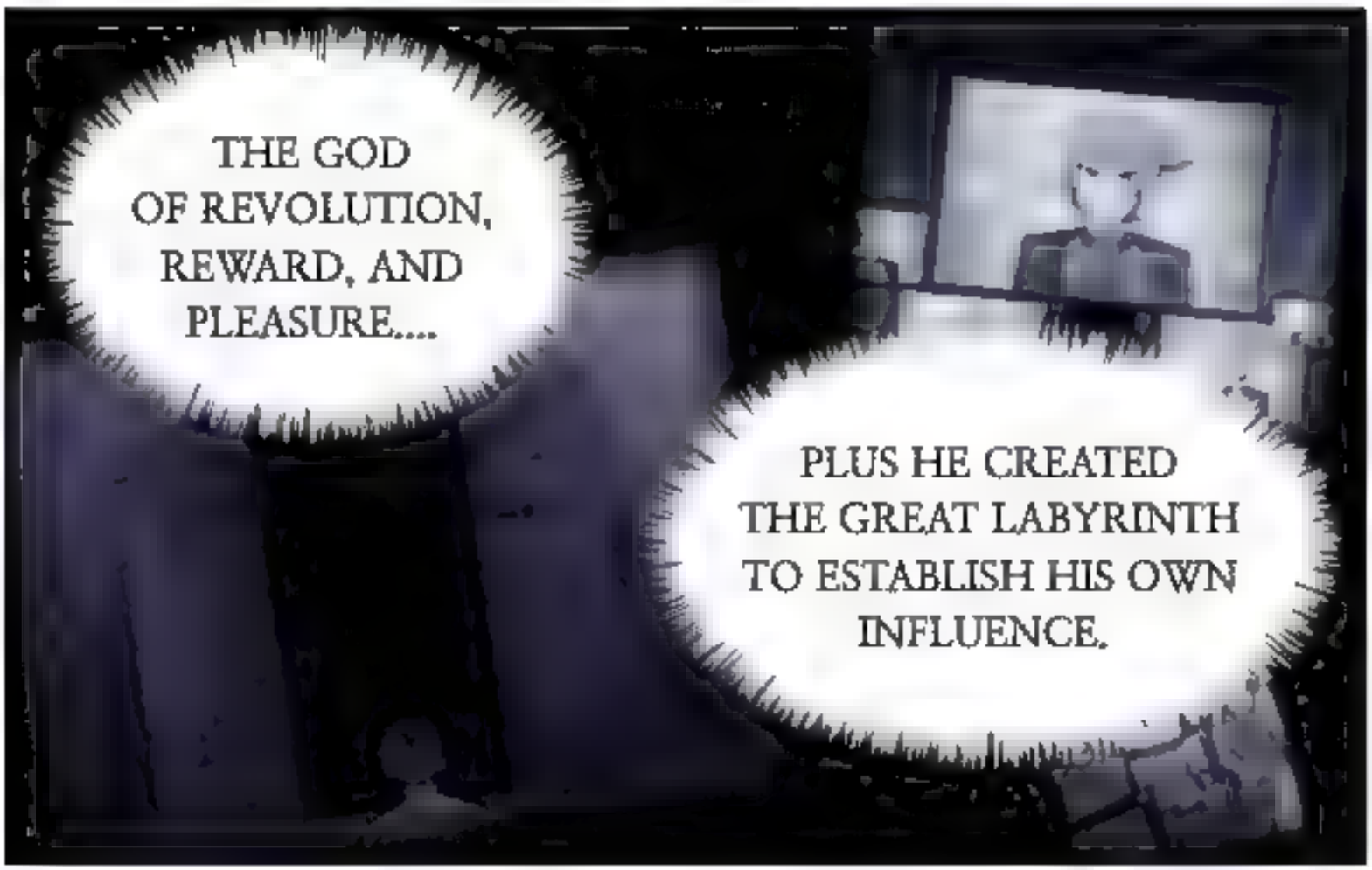
BZZT
BZZT

CHHH

WE HAVE TO RETREAT, JIHAN. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO INTERCEPT HIM IN THIS SPACE RIGHT NOW.

BUT PREZ....

SHE'S STILL LINKED TO THE GREAT LABYRINTH!


THE GOD OF REVOLUTION, REWARD, AND PLEASURE....
PLUS HE CREATED THE GREAT LABYRINTH TO ESTABLISH HIS OWN INFLUENCE.

AH, IT'S DOUBLE OR NOTHING!
HOLD ON! ARC COMPANY!

I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY!

FREEZE

THE GAMER, JIHAN HAN.
CHHHH
THE HAREM KING SAID NOT TO MESS WITH YOU.
HE'S AN INTIMIDATING BEING EVEN FOR A GOD LIKE ME...
VERY WELL. SPEAK.
WHEW

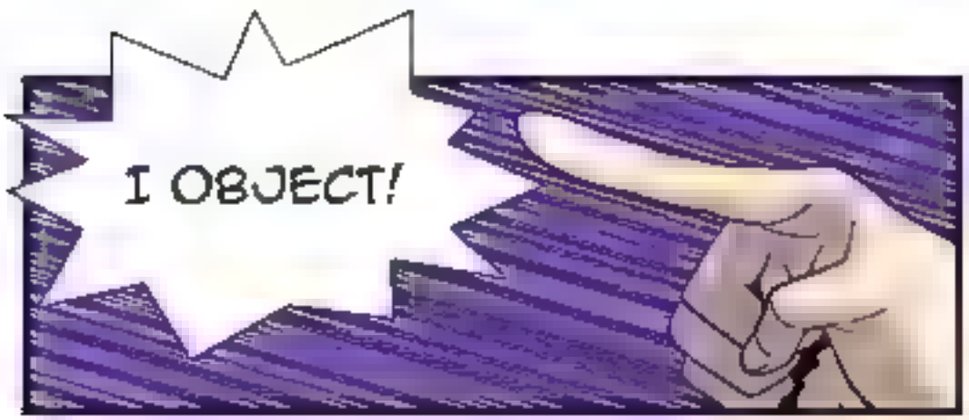
REVOLUTION, REWARD, AND PLEASURE....
YOU SAID THAT THAT'S BOTH YOUR NAME AND YOUR DIVINITY, RIGHT?
EXCITED
I'M GETTING NERVOUS WITH THEM STARING AT ME....

DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU GRANT PEOPLE'S WISHES?

THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT IS WHAT
I EXIST FOR.

THEN
WHY ARE YOU
ATTACKING
US?

YOU ARE THE BEINGS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE WITH MY ACTIONS AS A GOD.
I WAS SIMPLY TRYING TO GET YOU OUT OF MY WAY.

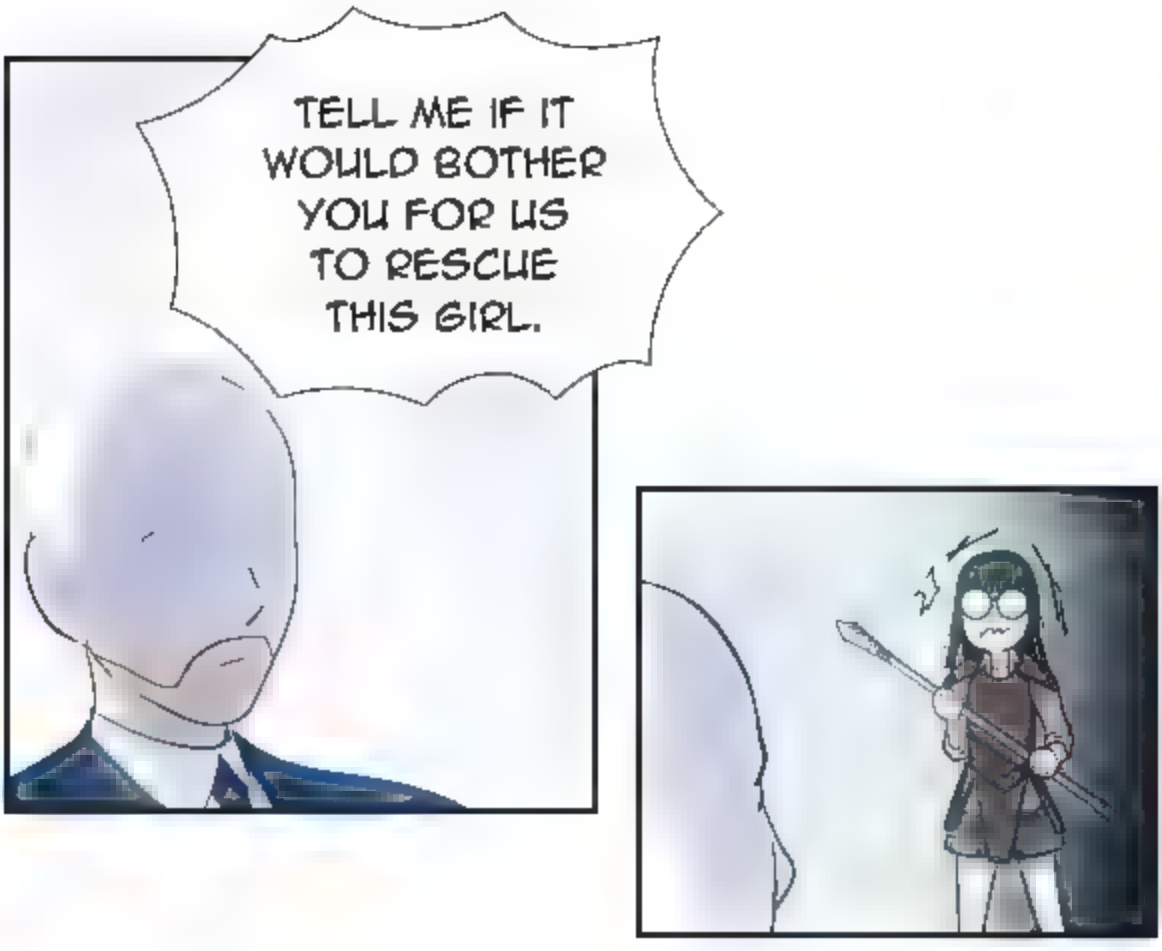

I OBJECT!

I OBJECT TO THAT CONCLUSION OF YOURS!
WHISH

GO ON.

WHY AREN'T WE REWARDED FOR STRUGGLING SO HARD JUST TO SURVIVE?
JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING YOU!
IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE NOT TRYING TO INTERFERE WITH YOUR JOB AS A GOD!

WHISH
THE GOAL OF ME AND THE REST OF US IS TO RESCUE YUJIN KIM HERE!
TO RESCUE A GIRL WHO WAS DRAGGED INTO THIS AGAINST HER WILL AFTER SHE HAPPENED TO GET SUCKED INTO THE GREAT LABYRINTH AND DIDN'T WANT TO FIGHT.


TELL ME IF IT WOULD BOTHER YOU FOR US TO RESCUE THIS GIRL.

I SEE. IS THIS A SINGULARITY WHERE YOUR ABILITIES AND THE ALLURE OF THE GREAT LABYRINTH MEET?

YOUR COMMENT IS VALID, THE GAMER JIHAN.

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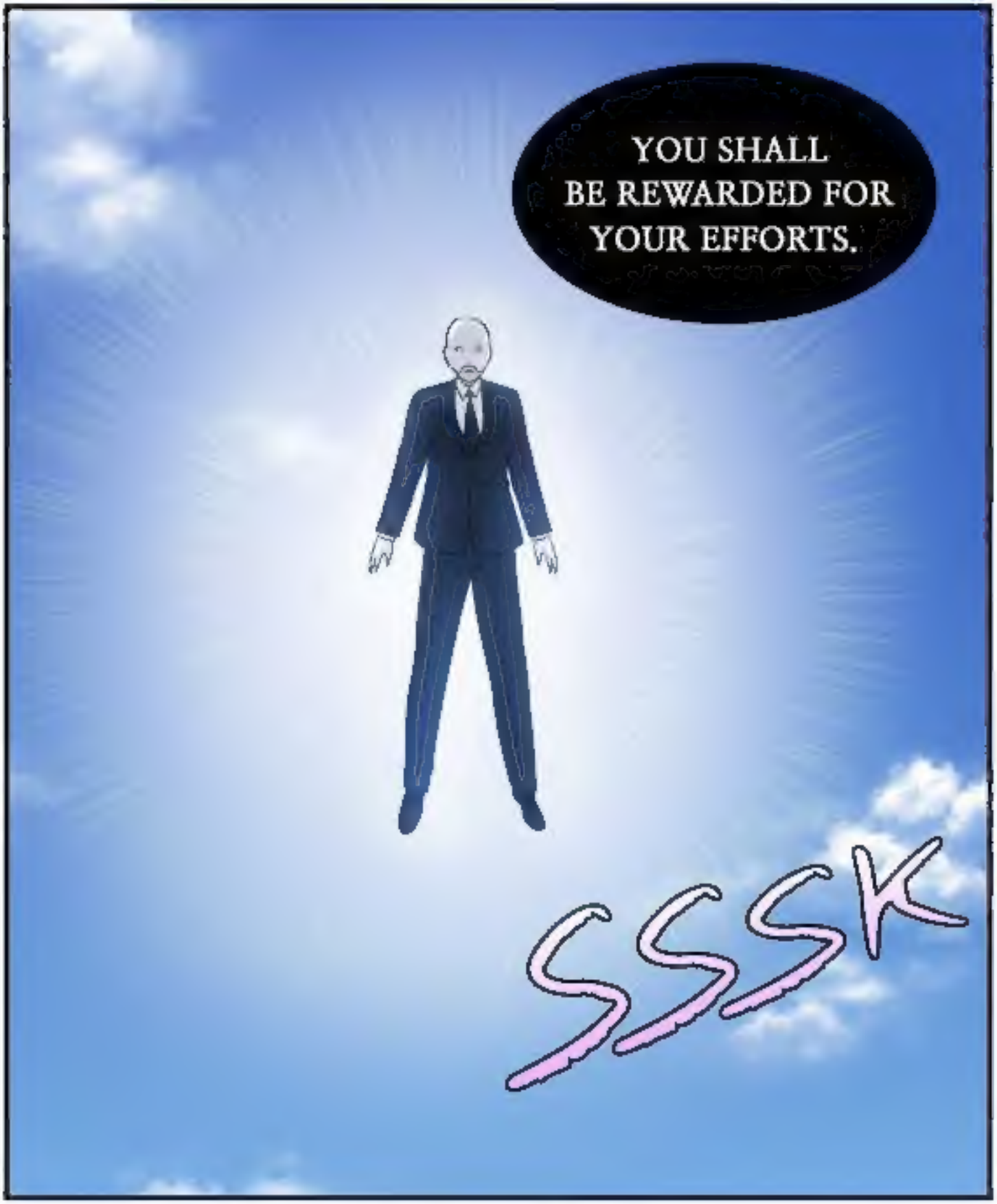
YOU SHALL BE REWARDED FOR YOUR EFFORTS.
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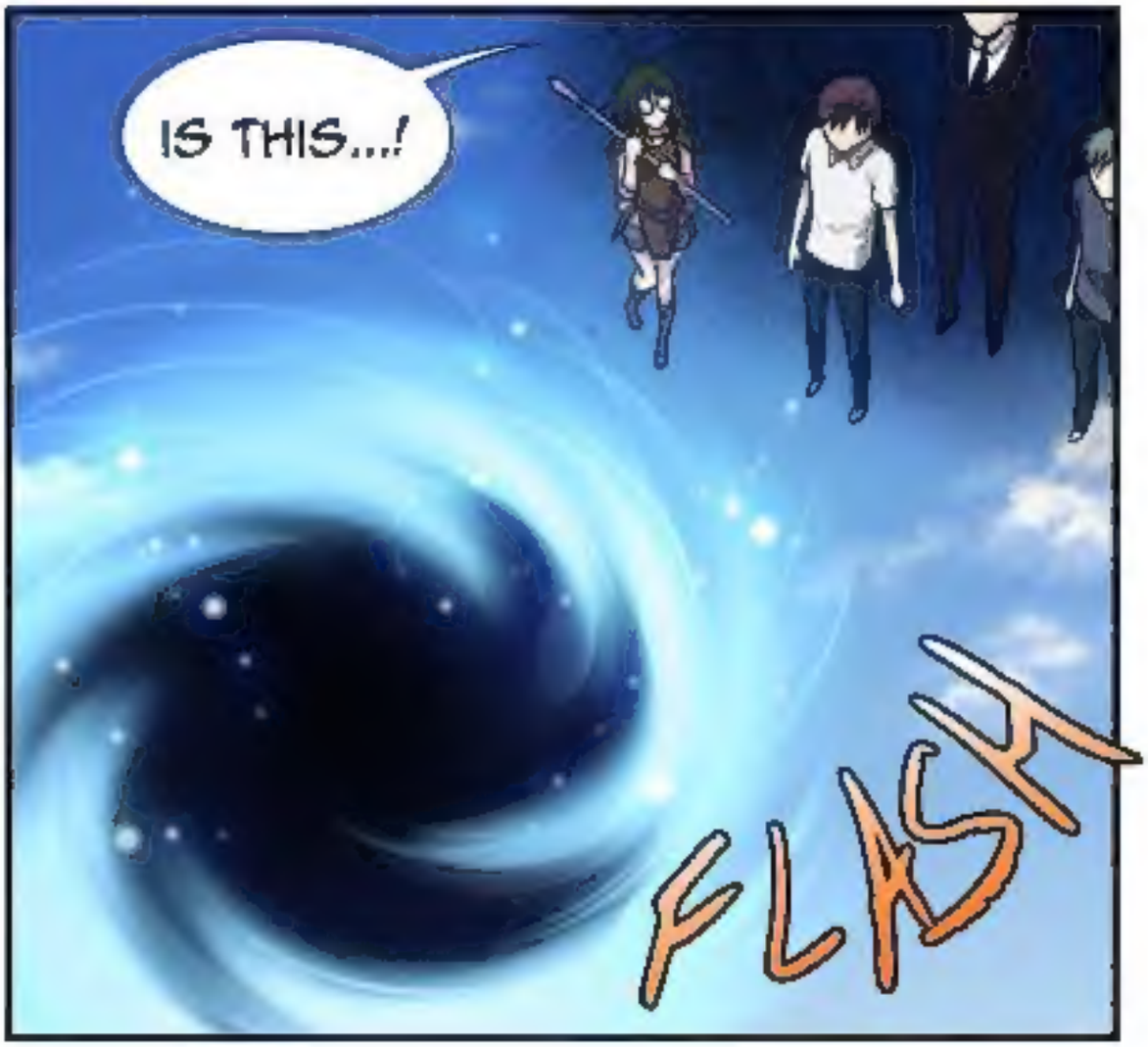
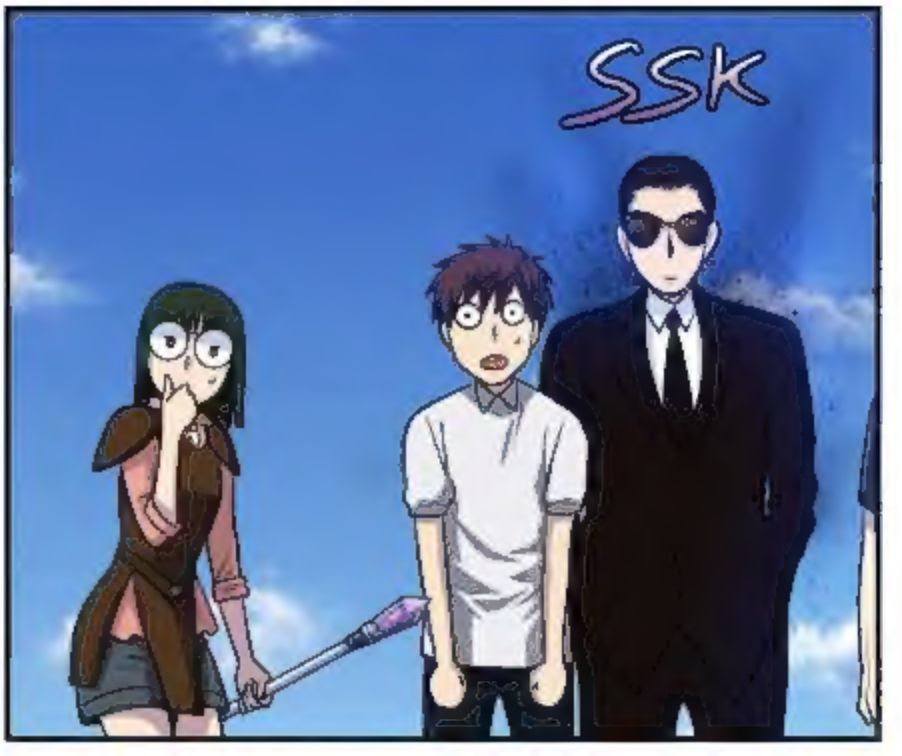

IS THIS...!
FLASH

YUJIN SHALL NO LONGER HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE GREAT LABYRINTH.

WHISH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